GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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New Gauge Conversion
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any new gauge conversion projects for laying of new track and train service between Ariyalur and Namakkal via Perambadur, Thuraiyur and Musiri in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Survey for construction of Salem-Karaikal via Namakkal, Perambalur, Ariyalur and Mayiladuturai has already been completed in June, 2012 and updated in August, 2014. As per the updated report, cost of construction of 227 Km long new line has been assessed as ` 1443 crore with rate of return of 2.14%. The proposed new line could not be taken forward due to its unremunerative nature and huge throwforward of ongoing projects.

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